

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, Madam President, I guess, I guess being a nice person really doesn't count around here. We did have another amendment that, that called for a one-year phase-in. It was my understanding that we were going to go to that amendment. Apparently all bets are off and we're going to suspend the rules and stop debate on this issue, and I do have a problem with that. I was trying to be understanding with the time that we're faced with here and not put the body through lengthy debate on an amendment I didn't feel I had the votes for. But I guess that's kind of typical of the discussion on this bill and I'm troubled by that and I'm troubled by, by the members that have been involved in this legislation in thinking that they know what's in the best interest for us in the state. Now, we haven't had one poll or survey brought to us that talks about the impact of this piece of legislation, on what those voters are going to be deciding. And I guess I'm troubled by that because when I had talked to the voters in my area, they're upset about property taxes, they feel the state government is not doing anything for them, and here we are slapping a big property tax increase on a good chunk of the members, a good chunk of the citizens here in this state. You know, I just hope, I really hope that you know what you're doing here because I don't think you do. And I think you're making a big, big mistake by trying to stick a big property tax increase down the throats of a majority of the citizens of this state. I'm not supporting the suspension motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, I was visiting with Senator Bromm to check what I thought the agreement was. I have not strayed from the agreement at all. And the agreement before coming to this issue was that Senator Abboud would have his two amendments, that that would get at the issue, and that then we would do a suspension of the rules so that we could get on with the vote and not take any more floor time. I asked Senator Bromm if I had misunderstood something, he said, no, that's how he had understood the agreement. He also, but Senator Bromm said he also recognized that we have taken a great deal of floor time. He has indicated to me that he would pull his amendment. And if I have a minute off the